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Great Lakes Pilotage Rates

The U.S. Coast Guard has issued a Notice of Extension of Comment Period and Notice of Intent concerning its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (USCG-2002-11288) published in the Federal Register (Volume 68, No. 15, pages 3202-3214) for Pilotage Rates on the Great Lakes. This Notice of Extension of Comment Period and Notice of Intent was made public by posting at the Office of the Federal Register February 10 and is expected to be published in the Friday, February 14, Federal Register.

Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation on or before **Thursday, April 24, 2003**. The Notice also announces the Coast Guard's intention to delay publishing an Interim Rule until after the comment period closes and asks for specific, industry related information to aid the Coast Guard in assessing the economic impact of such an Interim Rule. Please refer to the NPRM in the Federal Register for complete details at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-1461.pdf>.

Sincerely,

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